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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, application No. 09/875,912, filing date June 8, 2001, or cited by the Examiner therein, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, an English-language abstract of the documents setting forth the relevance is of record. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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